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FASTENER INSERTS

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**Preliminary Amendment Accompanying a
Request for Continued Examination (RCE)**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 22, 2005, Applicants have filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), along with a request for a 3-month extension of time for the reply. With a 3-month extension, reply is timely on or before June 22, 2006.

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.